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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert Speaker of the House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Enclosed is proposed legislation to authorize military construction and related activities of the Department of Defense. It is styled as Division B-Military Construction Authorizations, with the expectation that it will be included in the National Defense authorizations for fiscal year 2001 with that designation. Enactment of this legislation is necessary to carry out the President's budget plan with regard to military housing and property for fiscal year 2001. This legislation is part of the Legislative Program of the Department of Defense for the Second Session of the 106th Congress.

If enacted, this legislation would make several improvements to the efficiency of managing military construction, base housing, and the use of defense lands. These improvements would include extension of authority to conduct our military privatization initiatives, the revision of the limitations on space in housing by grade, the enhancement of the Military Leasing Act, and several other general and specific authorities in the management of our military housing and property.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that there is no objection to the presentation of this proposal to the Congress, and that its enactment would be in accord with the program of the President.

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